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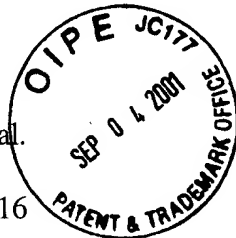
In re application of

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For: OPTICAL COMPENSATORY SHEET PRODUCING METHOD AND APPARATUS,
THERMAL TREATING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND DUST REMOVING
METHOD AND APPARATUS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

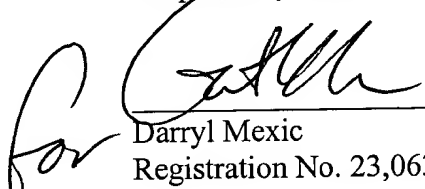
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

English Language Abstracts of Japanese Patent Application Nos. 62-65872, 3-291601, 5-50419, 5-215921, 6-75115, 9-73081, 9-152509, 10-290964 and 10-309553 are submitted herewith as concise statements of relevance.

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